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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 4, 2001 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued October 4, 2001 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the October 4, 2001 Office Action is due January 4, 2002. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please replace the abstract with the replacement paragraph in clean form provided in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. A marked-up version of the abstract, with deleted matter in brackets and with added matter underlined, is provided in **Exhibit B** attached hereto.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 14-18 as marked-up in **Exhibit C** attached hereto, by deleting the bracketed matter and inserting the underlined matter. Please cancel claims 3-13 and add new claims 22-33. A clean copy of claims 1, 2 and 14-18, as amended, and new claims 22-33 is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

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